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## A Presidential Car.

It is reported that Mr. Roosevelt is opposed, in principle, to accepting transportation from the common carriers. This report bears the marks of probability and is pregnant with suggestion.

There is something to be said in defense of the ancient and time-honored custom of free transportation for our Chief Executive; nay, there is much to be said in its favor. It is a graceful thing to offer and it can be accepted without loss of dignity, self-respect, or honor. It is analogous to the presentation of prize pumpkins and dropical squashes to ye country editor, suggested to the donor by respect and admiration, not designed to sway policy or principle, and always resulting in free advertising.

The President of the United States is, by comparison, the most poorly paid public servant in the world; at the same time there are more demands made upon him personally and officially than upon any other living man. He is the ruler and representative of 80,000,000 people scattered over fifty States and Territories, covering 3,602,340 square miles of land.

It is of the very highest importance to the general welfare for the people to come in contact with the President and learn for themselves what manner of man he is; it is of equal moment for the President to get in personal touch with every section of the country and to know all sorts and conditions of men. These things can best be accomplished by frequent excursions made by the Executive, and the cost, if computed at the usual rates, would be prohibitive not only to a salary equal to that the President now receives but to any country ever will give him.

It is absolutely preposterous to imagine that any President was ever improperly influenced by the courtesies he accepted from the railroads; it is to the credit of the railroads that today they are as willing to extend free transportation to Theodore Roosevelt, the champion of equal privileges and the square deal, the leader of the fight against railway abuses, as ever; and yet it is to the credit of Mr. Roosevelt that he should be in favor of doing away with the old order of things in this regard.

There is now imposed upon the people of the United States a duty to insist that Congress provide for the President a special train of cars, built in American shops, of the finest home materials, fashioned by the most skillful labor of the Republic. And that these cars be provided with all necessities. The engines to draw such a train and its time schedules, when in use, must of necessity be left to be provided by the roads traversed; and the country could very well, by law, provide that such service be paid for at a rate not to exceed a certain sum per mile and the accounts charged to any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, not more than a certain sum to be so used in any one calendar year.

Such a solution of the problem would comport with the dignity of the country, be agreeable to the Executive, and relieve the railroads.

## Bag Tree and Bruised Reed.

To the Editor of The Washington Times: I am disheartened by the doings of this world. I am a widow; I walk the city over to find work; so far I am unable to get it. Yet a woman-of-the-world, who has been on trial for murder three times, comes to Washington and is paid large sums of money for interviews and gets a fabulous contract to go on the stage. One of her dresses costs more than I have in a year or two to clothe, feed, and educate a child. Where is there justice in this world? Must we poor widows become like this woman to get work? Yours, truly,

Verily, it does seem that the wicked flourish as the green bay tree and the bruised reeds are not only broken but trodden under foot. But all is not gold that glitters, nor are the true rewards of life to be measured in dollars and cents. The main body of humanity struggles along through life, taking the bitter with the sweet, and never possessing in forty years as much money as is represented by the cost of a demi-mondaine's wardrobe. There are many good women, like our correspondent, whose faith is almost shattered by the spectacular splendor of meretricious beauty as compared with what appears to them to be their own hard and colorless lot. But let us examine the matter calmly and see what the facts are.

From the money point of view, many a woman of merely fair looks and positive lack of ability receives from one to two thousand dollars a

week for putting herself on exhibition in the music halls or theaters—why? Because a morbidly curious public with a blunted sense of decency will pay the price to see her. Need anyone find cause for personal repining at this? No, a thousand times No! Out highest public servants are not paid such wages; neither the Justices of the Supreme Court, nor our Senators, nor our Cabinet officers receive such compensation. The very noblest workers for humanity, the country doctors and the ministers of small congregations do not receive in a year what our gaudy moths squander in a week; but would anyone seriously question where the real blessing of life rests?

If life means anything, if it is more than a tale full of sound and fury told by an idiot, it means the development of character. There is no situation in which you cannot aid providence in building your own character; there is none in which you cannot throw away your opportunities. The broad and easy path, the path of least resistance is the road to—shall we say hell, annihilation, or lack or loss of character; they mean the same.

There is a bit of comfort for our correspondent; it will not buy bread, but it may be worth more; it is: "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth."

## Judicial Intemperance.

A Judge of the supreme court of the State of New York, before whom a woman was twice arraigned for murder, only to be subsequently discharged, has gone outside the record of the case to discuss it at a fraternity banquet. And, not content with discussing this case in the language of an advocate, while speaking as a judge, he has asserted that the defendant, whom his court did not convict, actually held the pistol which killed the man for whose murder she was tried, and lied about the deed, deliberately and willfully.

Naturally, the whole American bar is amazed. The only commendation this extraordinary action receives comes from the office of the district attorney who failed to prove the defendant guilty. Otherwise, the bar either refuses to comment upon the utterance, or points out that the judge would have done vastly better to have this defendant punished for perjury.

In the meantime, let this member of the supreme court, Vernon M. Davis, ponder upon this statement from the judge who finally tried and disposed of the same case:

I did not read Judge Davis' statement, and if I had I would say nothing at all about it. I make it a practice never to discuss any cases that have been tried in my court.

The opposition to the Kenilworth poolroom is because it's a get-poor-quick scheme.

Referring to the canal purchases abroad, Speaker Cannon says we have the greatest market in the world—also the greatest prices.

A war correspondent agrees with Mr. Hull as to the Japanese invasion of the Philippines, which is another refutation of the claim that war correspondents have no imagination.

Not counting the rich Americans in London, the city has 20,000 lunatics.

Russia's war losses are making her war prophets look like thirty cents.

The New York aldermen have made it a misdemeanor to pull teeth on the street. To pull a man's leg is still lawful.

The Rev. Washington Gladden is another "draw-back problem."

They do say Representative Brownlow thinks that new Southern States would be a good road to the United States Senate.

The loss of two papers in the Bowen-Loomis case won't matter, as Bowen has plenty more.

Jimmy Hyde is an authority on French literature—and on French dinners on French leave.

Nan Patterson thinks Philadelphia a good place to let the dead past bury its dead.

Possibly, the policy the trusts have had of "holding up" the Government on contracts accounts for the way Treasury funds have been "letting down."

"Everything is going well in Santo Domingo," says Dr. Hollander—especially the money.

Pat Crowe's failure to be made a United States marshal proves that birds of a feather don't always flock together.

Bernard Shaw says verse writing is a gift. Funny how shy Providence was with gifts when Berny blew in.

The Nevada Legislature has repealed the law requiring gambling to be done as high up as the second floor of buildings. Some law-maker must have been "let in on the ground floor."

When a man sees the seashore girl this summer in elbow sleeves and knee-tights, he can say he saw more of her than he had expected.

"I am out of politics for good," says Ollie Belmont, being several millions to the good.

The mayor of Detroit declares that voters are upright. Slot machines are made in that style, too.

The hop crop is short, but Milwaukee streets are not yet blocked with water wagons.

A man accused of murder puts up the defense that his dual self did the killing. It was his dueling self.

Since they've been pitching pennies for District contracts, they might have a game of crack-a-loo to decide when the new Anacostia bridge will be completed.

## IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## WILL SERVE DINNER WITHOUT ANY MEAT

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson as Hosts.

## TAKAHASHI GUEST OF HONOR

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Van Reyren Will Entertain Daughter and Her Fiance.

One of the unique affairs arranged for tonight is a dinner party with ex-Senator and Mrs. John B. Henderson as hosts, in honor of the members of the national convention now meeting here for the discussion of the treatment of tuberculosis. Among the guests will be several scientific experts on the subject of dietetics, to whom Mrs. Henderson has previously sent a copy of her menu and recipes used in the preparation of dishes for each course.

The analysis made by such famous experts, as Dr. Wiley, Government chemist, and Dr. Kellogg, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, will be in the form of a dainty leaflet attached to the regular menu.

Ex-Senator and Mrs. Henderson are vegetarians, and their chef is famed for the delicious dinners—several courses—he puts up for their guests which are so delicious that one imagines oneself eating meats instead of nuts and vegetables.

Mr. Takahashi, the Japanese Minister, will entertain a dinner party of men to-night in honor of Mr. Takahashi, member of the Japanese House of Peers, and a noted financier of that country, who arrived in Washington Tuesday.

Rear Admiral and Mrs. Van Reyren will entertain a dinner party tonight in honor of Baron Serge Korff and Miss Van Reyren, whose marriage will take place June 5.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Thomas W. Symons were hosts at a dinner party Tuesday evening in honor of Secretary and Mrs. Taft, the evening winding up in a bridge whist party.

Ambassador White and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge were the guests of honor at a dinner in Rome last night given by Signor Tilton, the Italian foreign minister. A number of distinguished guests were entertained with them.

## GIRL GRADUATES GET DIPLOMAS

Girl graduates at the Florence School received a large degree of attention from Washington society people last evening. The drawing rooms where the graduating class received their diplomas were decorated with quantities of tender green foliage, Easter lilies, and lilies of the valley, the American bouquet being the white and green coloring which obtained everywhere. The graduates, Miss Maud Carpenter, of Missouri; Miss May Dillard, of Indianapolis; Miss Lena Hemenway, of Indiana; Miss Mabel Sahler, of Illinois, entered the drawing room through an aisle of broad white ribbons and received their diplomas standing in a bower of American beauties, with a background of white and green.

Dr. Wallace Radcliffe addressed the class, and presented the diplomas, which were on vellum, artistically illuminated, and were given to the graduates with the Florentine coat of arms, which the school has adopted, a lion rampant on a shield.

Besides the address of Dr. Radcliffe, the program included: "A Gay Morning in Denza," by Night Song; "Rit," by Miss Bertha Bristow; "Scherzo," by Miss Blanche Chopin; "The May Day," by Miss Serenata; "Tosti," by Miss Bristow; "The March," by Miss Bristow; and Miss Harriet Stratton Ellis will sail for Europe Tuesday on the Cunard line, taking with her a party of ten girls with whom they will tour Europe.

## ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. J. Reinberg of Baltimore, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Selma Reinberg, to Lee Bacon of the city. At home Sunday evening, May 21 at 2011 McCulloh street, Baltimore.

The engagement has just been announced of Capt. Chauncey B. Humphrey, U. S. A., now on duty at the Military Academy, to Miss Florence Waring, of Philadelphia.

## GARDEN PARTY AT CHILD'S HOME

The annual garden and pound party will be held at the Children's Country Home on Friday afternoon. Stages will meet the Chevy Chase cars at Grant road. Supper will be served at the dining room, and in addition there will be tea tables and lemonade booths.

In the new pavilion there will be dancing, which is hoped will attract the young people, while the still younger ones may find amusement in trying their luck at the ball and other games upon the grounds and will be free.

The officers of the board are Miss Roy, Miss Edith, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Ade, Miss Hunt, and F. V. Robinson.

## YOUNG MEN'S CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

The home of Mr. Barton, 1713 Joliet street northwest, was the scene of a delightful reception to the Young Men's Social Club of the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening.

An enjoyable musical and literary program was presented and remarks were made by several members upon the various phases of the club life.

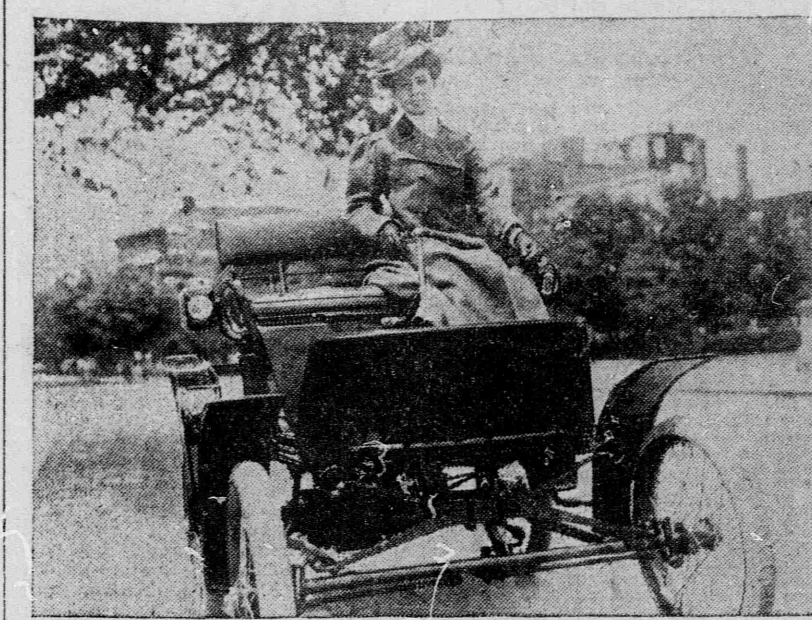
The serving of dainty refreshments concluded the evening's program. The Y. M. C. was organized to advance the interests of the class and to promote good fellowship among its members, and Bar Association will give a banquet in its honor.

Prof. and Mrs. Jos. Silvestri are at Acadia Cottage, Capital View Park, Md., their summer home. As guest they will have for the season Prof. L. Carreta.

"To my mind," said Senator McCumber of North Dakota, who called at the White House today, a reduction of expenditures and internal taxes are the means by which the Treasury deficits are to be overcome.

"To my mind," said Senator McCumber, "we are spending too much money on the navy."

"I am also in favor of raising money through the internal revenue."



MISS MABEL D. MERRIAM,  
Whose Skillful Management of Her Automobile and Smart Costumes Places Her Conspicuously Among Women Autoists of Washington.

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A Times Correspondent Criticises Return of the Moody Opinion for Revision—Some Observations on the Points Suggested by a Reader.